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22. (new) An animal feeder comprising:

a feed hopper having a filling end and a feeding end, wherein the filling end has a cover having an access door with a breathable lid for opening and closing off the opening of the access door,

at least three legs, the proximate ends of the legs permanently attached to the feed hopper, and

a skid assembly permanently attached to the distal ends of the legs.

Remarks

Applicant has amended claim 1 and added new claim 22. Support for the amendment may be found in cancelled claim 2 and the specification.

Claims 1, 3-8 and 14-21 remain for consideration in this application. For the reasons set forth in detail below, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the cited references.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 14-15 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Malley et al. ("O'Malley") (U.S. Patent No. 2,886,002). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that the rejection is improper. With respect to cancelled claim 2, the rejection is rendered moot.

For the remaining claims, in order for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 to be proper, the cited reference must teach each and every aspect of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2131. As elaborated in *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.* "[t]he identical